

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ORS AND PSC

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Hopefully, none of you will ever experience a gas incident as serious as this one. It is most likely “reportable...”



Cause of gas leaking was unknown until this was exposed. Do you think it was a “reportable incident??” Or, should notification have been postponed until a later time – if at all?



Will this installation error result in a gas incident at some point in time? Have you discovered similar issues that have caused incidents in the past?

Looks like the leak was found (after time, money, man power, equipment, and effort had been expended). In addition, safety level of everyone close by was compromised.
Is this significant??



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PHMSA REPORTABLE INCIDENT DEFINITION:

49CFR §191.3 Definitions

“Incident” means any of the following events:

1. An event that involves a release of gas from a pipeline, or of liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, refrigerant gas, or gas from an LNG facility. (*A liquefied natural gas facility as defined in §193.2007 of Part 193 of this Chapter.*), and that results in one or more of the following consequences:
 - (i) A death, or personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization;
 - (ii) Estimated property damage of \$50,000 or more, including loss to the operator (*A person who engages in the transportation of gas. and others, or both, but excluding cost of gas lost*);
 - (iii) Unintentional estimated gas loss of three million cubic feet or more;

PHMSA REPORTABLE INCIDENT DEFINITION

(cont.):

2. An event that results in an emergency shutdown of an LNG facility
(activation of an emergency shutdown system for reasons other than an actual emergency does not constitute an incident).
3. An event that is significant in the judgment of the operator, even though it did not meet the criteria of paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition.

REPORTABLE INCIDENT DEFINITION (cont.):

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103-414. Interruption of Service.

Each gas utility shall keep a record of any condition resulting in any interruption of service affecting its entire system or major division thereof, or any major community or any important division, consisting of at least fifty customers, of a community, including a statement of the time, duration and cause of such interruption. The commission and ORS are to be notified by telephone of any such interruption as soon as practicable after it comes to the attention of the gas utility and a complete written report made to the commission and ORS after restoration of service, if such interruption is more than six hours in duration.

REPORTABLE INCIDENT DEFINITION (cont.):

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103-415. Incidents.

1. *Each gas system shall, as soon as possible, report to the ORS each incident occurring wherein there exist either:
 - a. *A death, or personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization;*
 - b. *Estimated property damage of \$5,000 or more, including loss to the operator and others, or both, including cost of gas lost;**
2. *An event that is significant in the judgment of the gas system.*

Each gas system shall establish and follow procedures for analyzing, reporting and minimizing the possibilities of any future incidents.

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Contact for reporting to SC ORS:

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Contact for reporting to SCPSC:

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Remember, if you are not sure whether an incident would meet any of the reporting criteria, it is best to make the notification.

If it turns out that the incident was in fact reportable, and you did not make notification - - you are in violation of the reporting requirements.

If you were right and the incident was not reportable, then the notification goes away.

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You can always call any of our Pipeline Safety Staff for guidance on whether an incident would be reportable, whether a notification would be recommended, or any other incident reporting questions you may have.



**Our Staff stands ready to
assist at any time...**

Sometimes you win...sometimes not...

<https://joke4fun.com/video/sometimes-you-win-sometimes-you-fail-7895>

Questions?

